

Notice of Public Scoping
Grazing Permit Renewals
and
Land Health Assessments

Comment Period: Open until: **October 31, 2005**

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The Kremmling Field Office is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing allotments for assessment of the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado for Fiscal Year 2008 livestock grazing permit renewals. Secondly, we intend to renew 4 livestock grazing permits/leases during Fiscal Year 2007. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment or renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on an allotment basis. During 2005, the Kremmling Field Office completed assessments for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado for Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008 livestock grazing permit renewals.

Once the Kremmling Field Office receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Public comments and other available information will be used by the Kremmling Field Office Inter-Disciplinary Team to establish the priority list of the allotments that will be assessed for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado.

Following are the allotments and acreages identified by the Kremmling Field Office that we are soliciting input for the Fiscal Year 2007 livestock grazing permit renewals.

Permittee/Lessee and Permit No.	Allotment Name and Number	Public Land Acres	County
Tointon Ranches 051727	07084 Verner East 07045 07099 07073 07048 07046 07085 Verner West 07044	2035 824 71 1610 101 1060 40 3660	Jackson
Meyring Ranches 051772	07112 Taylor 07111 Allard Place 07114 Spicer Peak 07194 Meyring Ind	730 1595 520 960	Jackson
VanValkenburg, A.H. and Jeanne 051774	07006 Barnes 07005 Murphy East	66 151	Jackson
Watt, Milton R. and Stanley E. 051931	07780 Watt	40	Grand

The Kremmling Field Office will also be completing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain livestock grazing permits/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each livestock grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following allotments had landscape health assessments in 2005 (field work) and the livestock grazing permits will be renewed in Fiscal Year 2008. The level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern. Your comments on these allotments are being sought.

Allotment Name and Number	Federal Acres	Permittee/Lessee and Permit/Lease Number	County
07523 Sheriff A	520	Sheriff John B. and Ida # 051763	Grand
07079 Upper Bush Draw	1005	Culver, Donald M. # 051739	Jackson
07080 East Walden	3248	Holsinger, Keith # 051743	Jackson
07172 Swift A	2045	Swift, Ralph Trust # 051810	Jackson
07116 Lozier	2342	Lozier, Dick	Jackson
07118 Lozier	175	# 051777	
07072 Mann Draw	2882	Murphy, James A. # 051776	Jackson

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in an assessment for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.